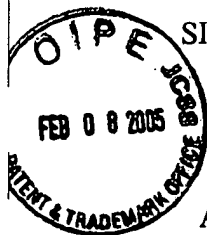


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Dear Sir:

In response to the December 1, 2004 Final Office Action, Applicants request the Examiner to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.

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